

## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 29 through November 1, 2013

## Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 10 a.m., Senate will begin consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 26, relating to the disapproval of the President's exercise of authority to increase the debt limit. At 2:15 p.m., Senate will vote on adoption of the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 26, to be followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Richard F. Griffin, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

## Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* October 29, to hold hearings to examine housing finance reform, focusing on the essentials of a functioning housing finance system for consumers, 10 a.m., SD-538.

October 30, Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment, to hold hearings to examine the "JOBS Act" at a year and a half, focusing on assessing progress and unmet opportunities, 10 a.m., SD-538.

October 31, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Wanda Felton, of New York, to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and Katherine M. O'Regan, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine housing finance reform, focusing on a government guarantee for mortgage-backed securities, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* October 29, Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet, to hold hearings to examine broadband adoption, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Finance:* October 30, to hold hearings to examine the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, 11 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* October 31, business meeting to consider S. Res. 268, condemning the September 2013 terrorist attack at the Westgate Mall in Nairobi, Kenya, and reaffirming United States support for the people and Government of Kenya, and the nominations of Gregory B. Starr, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Diplomatic Security, Mark Bradley Childress, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania, Thomas Frederick Daughton, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia, Matthew T. Harrington, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho, Eunice S. Reddick, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Niger, John Hoover, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Sierra Leone, Michael Stephen Hoza, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic

of Cameroon, Tomasz P. Malinowski, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Crystal Nix-Hines, of California, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, Pamela K. Hamamoto, of Hawaii, to be Representative to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, with the rank of Ambassador, Philip S. Goldberg, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines, Robert O. Blake, Jr., of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia, Karen Clark Stanton, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, Timothy M. Broas, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Donald Lu, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania, Robert A. Sherman, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic, Anne W. Patterson, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs, Adam M. Scheinman, of Virginia, to be Special Representative of the President for Nuclear Nonproliferation, with the rank of Ambassador, Rose Eilene Gottenmoeller, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, Frank A. Rose, of Massachusetts, to be Assistant Secretary for Verification and Compliance, Dwight L. Bush, Sr., of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco, James Walter Brewster, Jr., of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Dominican Republic, Brian A. Nichols, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Peru, and Carlos Roberto Moreno, of California, to be Ambassador to Belize, all of the Department of State, 10 a.m., SD-419.

October 31, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Syria, 10:15 a.m., SD-419.

October 31, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Daniel W. Yohannes, of Colorado, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador, Department of State, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* October 30, business meeting to consider S. 1562, to reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965, S. 1557, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize support for graduate medical education programs in children's hospitals, S. 1561, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve provisions relating to the sanctuary system for surplus chimpanzees, H.R. 2094, to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the preference given, in awarding certain asthma-related grants, to certain States (those allowing trained school personnel to administer epinephrine and meeting other related requirements), S. 1302, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans, H.R. 2747, to amend title 40, United States Code, to transfer certain functions from the Government Accountability Office to the Department

of Labor relating to the processing of claims for the payment of workers who were not paid appropriate wages under certain provisions of such title, and the nominations of Michael Keith Yudin, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, and James Cole, Jr., of New York, to be General Counsel, both of the Department of Education, and Chai Rachel Feldblum, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and any pending nominations, 9:15 a.m., SD-430.

October 31, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine attaining a quality degree, focusing on innovations to improve student success, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* October 31, to hold hearings to examine government clearances and background checks, focusing on the Navy Yard tragedy, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* October 30, business meeting to consider S. 235, to provide for the conveyance of certain property located in Anchorage, Alaska, from the United States to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, S. 611, to make a technical amendment to the T'uf Shur Bien Preservation Trust Area Act, and S. 920, to allow the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in the State of Minnesota to lease or transfer certain land; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine S. 1074, to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Easter Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe, S. 1132, to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, and S. 161, to extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* October 29, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights, to hold hearings to examine "Stand Your Ground" laws, focusing on civil rights and public safety implications of the expanded use of deadly force, 10 a.m., SH-216.

October 30, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John B. Owens, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Matthew Frederick Leitman, Judith Ellen Levy, Laurie J. Michelson, and Linda Vivienne Parker, all to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, and Peter Joseph Kadzik, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

October 31, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 42, to provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers, S. 822, to protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the inno-

cent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, and the nominations of Robert Leon Wilkins, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Brian J. Davis, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Timothy L. Brooks, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas, James Donato, Beth Labson Freeman, and Vince Girdhari Chhabria, all to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, Pedro A. Delgado Hernandez, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, Carolyn B. McHugh, of Utah, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, Pamela L. Reeves, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, and James Maxwell Moody, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* October 30, to hold hearings to examine pending health care and benefits legislation, 2 p.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* October 29, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

October 31, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

### House Committees

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* October 30, Full Committee, hearing entitled "PPACA Implementation Failures: Answers from HHS", 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* October 30, Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, hearing entitled "China's Maritime and other Geographic Threats", 10 a.m., 2255 Rayburn.

October 30, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa; and Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled "Establishing a Syrian War Crimes Tribunal?", 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* October 30, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications; and Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies, hearing entitled "Cyber Incident Response: Bridging the Gap Between Cybersecurity and Emergency Management", 9 a.m., 311 Cannon.

October 30, Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency, hearing entitled "Facility Protection: Implications of the Navy Yard Shooting on Homeland Security", 9:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* October 30, Over-Criminalization Task Force, meeting entitled "Regulatory Crime: Identifying the Scope of the Problem", 9:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* October 30, Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: H.R. 298, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to evaluate the significance of the Mill Springs Battlefield located in Pulaski and Wayne Counties, Kentucky, and the feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System, and for other purposes; H.R. 585,

the “Anchorage Land Conveyance Act of 2013”; H.R. 1308, the “Endangered Salmon and Fisheries Predation Preservation Act”; H.R. 1846, the “Lower East Side Tenement National Historic Site Amendments Act”; H.R. 2798, to amend Public Law 106–206 to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to require annual permits and assess annual fees for commercial filming activities on Federal land for film crews of 5 persons or fewer; H.R. 2799, to establish the Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council Advisory Committee to advise the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture on wildlife and habitat conservation, hunting, recreational shooting, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2954, to authorize Escambia County, Florida, to convey certain property that was formerly part of Santa Rosa Island National Monument and that was conveyed to Escambia County subject to restrictions on use and reconveyance; 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, October 30, Full Committee, hearing entitled “A Culture of Mismanagement and Wasteful Conference Spending at the Department of Veterans’ Affairs”, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, October 30, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “Providing the Tools for Scientific Discovery and Basic Energy Research:

The Department of Energy Science Mission”, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, October 30, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing entitled “Focused Issues on Dignified Burials: A National Cemetery Update”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

### Joint Meetings

*Conference*: October 30, meeting of conferees on H.R. 2642, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018, 1 p.m., 1100–LHOB.

*Conference*: October 30, meeting of conferees on S. Con. Res. 8, a concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2013, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023, 10 a.m., HC–5, Capitol.

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: October 30, to receive a briefing on the U.S. Civil Rights Movement, focusing on how the movement has impacted Europe and the continuing work of the United States in advancing human rights for minorities in Europe, 2 p.m., 2255, Rayburn Building.